



SILAS HUMBLE.

The Showman Meets the Heathen and He is Theirs.

"Dorin! the week of my travels with my world-renowned panorama and unexcelled menagerie, and while I was holding forth at the town of Nevada, a critic came to me one day with a box in his hand and said:

"Truth is a jewel which no falsehood can kin dim."

"And integrity is a weapon which conquers all things," said I.

Then we looked at each other for a minute in a halting way, and said:

"The wise man looks ahead for the tomorrow; the fool lives only in the today."

And he who giveth his experience without loss or hurt remembers it only for a day," said I.

Then we looked at each other and looked at the box more, and he came down to business and said:

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my Uncle John was noble and dear, I couldn't pay that price. Perhaps if I carried a piece of bear-skin in my pocket it would do just as well. Poor Uncle John! No one knows what he suffered before he was devoured. How big a piece would you sell me for a dollar?"

"I'll sell you this bit of skin. If your only object is to remember your Uncle John, it will answer as well as a whole bear. Shall I cut it off?"

"My dear friend," said the stranger, as he turned on him with brimming eyes, "I'll give you something, and here it is. Perhaps you may feel like giving me something to remember my Uncle John by? It need not necessarily be a piece of bear-skin."

"It could be something else, eh?" queried the stranger, who caught on at last. "Perhaps you may feel like giving me something to remember my Uncle John by? It need not necessarily be a piece of bear-skin."

"Yes, I can. This way, please. Yes, I'll give you something, and here it is. Perhaps you may feel like giving me something to remember my Uncle John by? It need not necessarily be a piece of bear-skin."

"Where those kids in memory of my uncle?" asked the man, as he stood on the curb-stone and looked back.

"They were, sir," said I. "It was just as well as if I had paid \$25 for a pair of bear-skin gloves. I am ahead—my ears are ahead—and all is well. This was a call on Uncle John's account. I'll drop in this afternoon and strike you for ten cents for a night's lodging for myself!"

Branch Philosophy.

As he waited at Rawlins for the east-bound train to pass, several men rode on horseback, and by and by a lady left one of the coaches, in company with her son, a boy of twelve or thirteen, and approaching one of the horses she asked of the driver:

"Is this animal what you term a broncho?"

"He's a broncho, ma'am," courteously replied the man.

"The same kind of a broncho that Buffalo Bill has in his show?"

"Exactly the same."

"Of course it is," put in the boy, "and he's a broncho and I'm going to ride him. You said if we come across a bucking broncho I might try him."

"Well, ma'am, a broncho is somewhat dangerous," asked the driver.

"That depends upon who is on his back, ma'am. Is your son a good rider?"

"You bet your life I am!" exclaimed the lady, who was sitting in the front seat.

"I offered to ride anything in Buffalo Bill's show, but ma wouldn't let me. Give him a dollar, ma, and let me have some fun."

"I'm afraid, Willie," she replied—"I'm afraid that when the equine humps himself up in the middle you'll get a jolting."

"Who cares for jolting? You said I could ride a broncho, and now I'm going to do it."

"If I only knew that the equine would hump himself up, I would say yes," observed the mother to the owner of the broncho. "Will this humping be violent or gentle?"

"Not too gentle, ma'am," replied the man—"not too gentle nor too violent, but just between the two. It may be good exercise for the boy."

"Yes, it may be," she doubtfully admitted, as she opened her purse. "Willie, if you should be killed your father would never forgive me."

"Give him the dollar," interrupted the pet, and next minute he was in the saddle and digging the horse with his heels.

"Perhaps the equine will not hump up in the middle?" said the mother, after a moment.

"He won't," replied the owner, "but the chances are that he will. There he goes now!"

It was a hump not quite as gentle as the kick of a baby, nor yet as violent as the upheaval of a mountain range, but there was motion enough in it to lift the boy out of the saddle and fling him twenty feet away.

The mother uttered a scream and sank down in a half-faint, and the boy was picked up in a senseless condition and carried to the car. Several of the passengers surrounded the owner and made the child indignantly criticized his conduct, but he lazily climbed into the saddle, looked around in a good-natured way, and replied:

"It ain't my fault, 'tall, gentlemen. The horse respected the lady's feelings and started in to hump up in the middle. I was just in the middle of the hump when he got away from him and became violent, and when that violent humpin' sumthin' has got to bust or sumbody go a-kittin'!"

How He Began.

Prof. Morris, at the head of the chemical department of Cornell University, began his life as a fireman on the New York Central Railroad.

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THE ARIZONA KICKER.

Editor Helio Runs Up Against Civilization While on a Business Trip.

The editor of the Arizona Kicker, the Mayor of Givensville, the postmaster of the same town, the State Senator of the Third District, and the Deputy United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arizona, all of whom are our- self, and signing his name Jim Helio, left home last week for a business trip to St. Louis.

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